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RETAILERS FINED FOR SELLING TOBACCO TO MINORS

The Monroe County Health Department fined 40 tobacco retailers during the first quarter of 2001 for selling tobacco products to minors. A recent change in the New York State Public Health Law significantly increased the fines, and calls for the suspension or revocation of both lottery and tobacco licenses of repeat violators. The law also now requires that business names of violators be made public.

The following businesses were fined for selling tobacco products to minors. Businesses fined \$300 are first-time violators. Those fined \$500 are second time violators and businesses caught selling a second time within twelve months are fined \$650.

Businesses fined \$650:

Alexander's IGA	4375 Buffalo Road, North Chili
Dixon Grocery	122 Emerson Street
Mi Tierra Grocery	213 Conkey Avenue
Rite Aid	437 Lyell Avenue
Wal-Mart	1902 Empire Blvd, Webster

Businesses fined \$500:

Elab Boutique	4373 Lake Avenue
Panorama Hess Mart	1601 Penfield Road
Smooth Mini Mart	85 Otis Street

Businesses fined \$300:

Cutaia's Meat Market	574 Chili Avenue
Eckerd	6515 Brockport-Spencerport Rd, Brockport
Fat Boys	1430 Dewey Avenue
Hamlin Citgo & Tire Center	1712 Lake Road, Hamlin
Hickey's	19 South Main Street, Pittsford
Laures Lounge	29 Stonewood Avenue
Lyell-Plymouth Service	96 Lyell Avenue

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M&S Mini Mart	505 Lyell Avenue
Marriott Thruway Gift Shop	5257 West Henrietta Road
Mobil On-the-Run	650 Mosley Road, Fairport
Newcomb Oil Company	115 North Main Street, Honeoye Falls
Perna's Citgo	3785 Chili Avenue, Churchville
Polo's V	501 Dewey Avenue
Queen Mini Mart	340 Conkey Avenue
Red Apple Smokers Outlet	3255 Chili Avenue
Rite Aid	1000 North Clinton Avenue
Rite Aid	352 Driving Park
Rite Aid	670 Thurston Road
Rite Aid	3220 Monroe Avenue
Robinson's Mobil	6517 Brockport-Spencerport Road, Brockport
S D Mini Mart	3910 Lake Avenue
Sahara Mini Mart	1041 North Clinton Avenue
Sawyer Street Deli & Grocery	759 Genesee Street
Scuttle Butts	431 River Street
7-Eleven	3100 East Henrietta Road
7-Eleven	3345 Lake Avenue
Sunoco A-Plus	265 Macedon-Center Road, Fairport
Tops Market	1601 Penfield Road
Tops Market	1800 South Lake Road, Hamlin
Vix Drug Emporium	100 Village Landing, Fairport
Wilson Farms	1218 Jay Street
Wilson Farms	15 Lake Avenue, Hilton

Penalties for Selling Tobacco to Minors:

- First Violation: \$300-\$1,000; business name published
- Second Violation: \$500-\$1,500; tobacco registration suspended for six months; lottery license suspended for six months; business name published
- Third Violation: \$500-\$1,500; tobacco registration revoked for one year; lottery license permanently revoked; business name published

The Monroe County Health Department contracts with police departments in Greece, Webster and Rochester, and with the Monroe County Sheriff to conduct compliance checks of tobacco retailers throughout Monroe County. Underage youths, typically 16 years of age, attempt to purchase tobacco products; if successful, the business is cited with a violation of the N.Y.S. Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act. A total of 1,146 checks were conducted in 2000. Tobacco products were sold to minors 147 times (13% of the time).

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